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BATMAN AND SUPERMAN



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with the
Joker!

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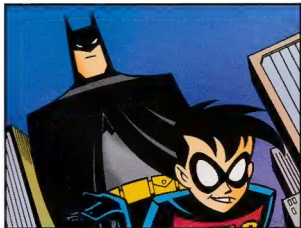


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Funny Business

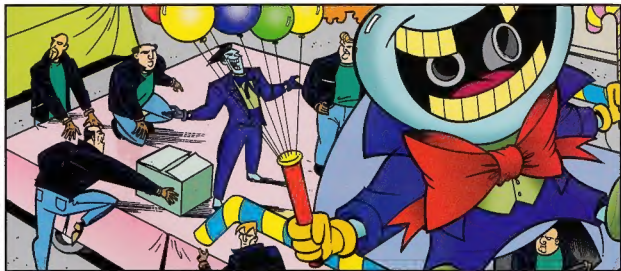
Batman fights to stop the evil plans of Gotham City's criminals. Batman is also secretly billionaire Bruce Wayne.



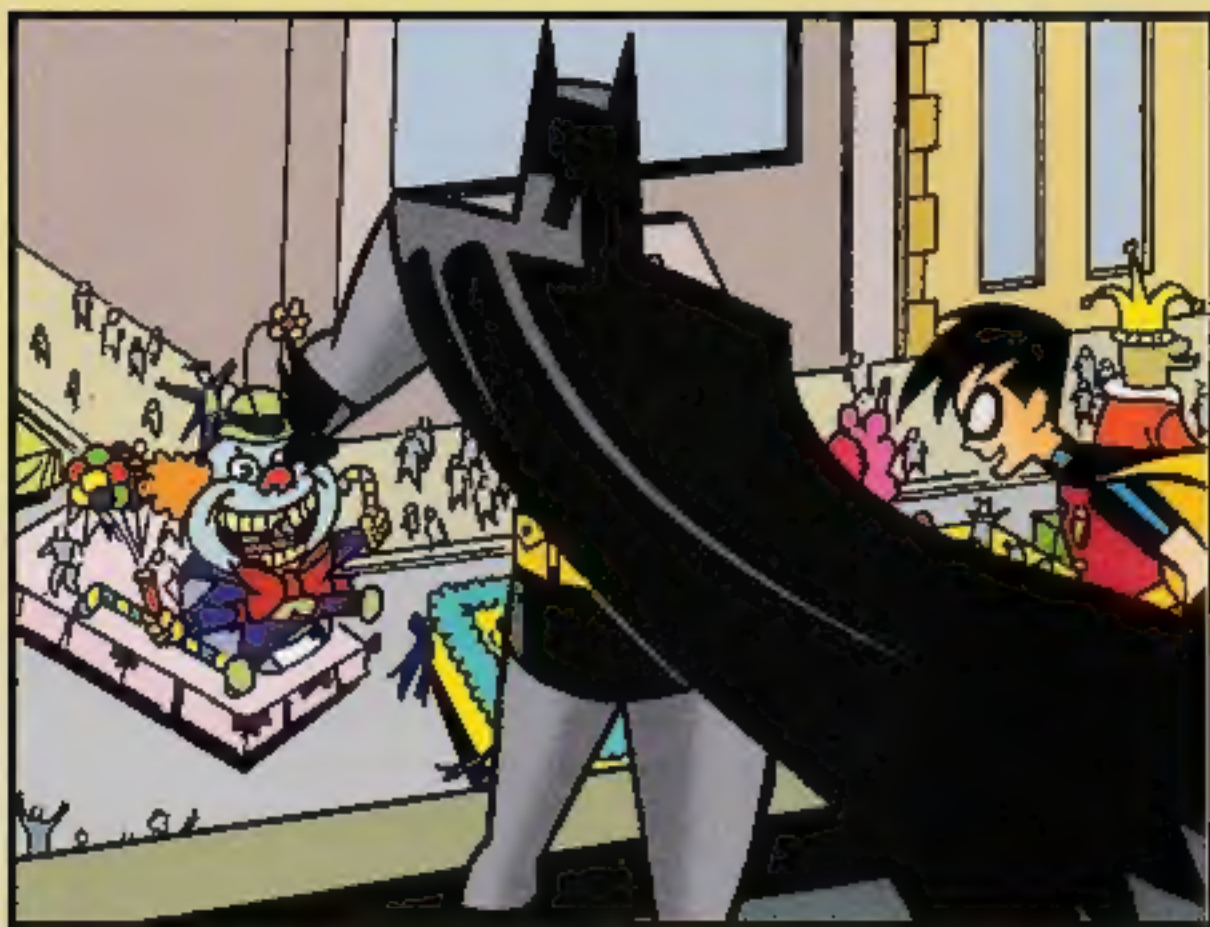
The carnival had come to Gotham City and Batman and Robin wanted a good view of the parade.



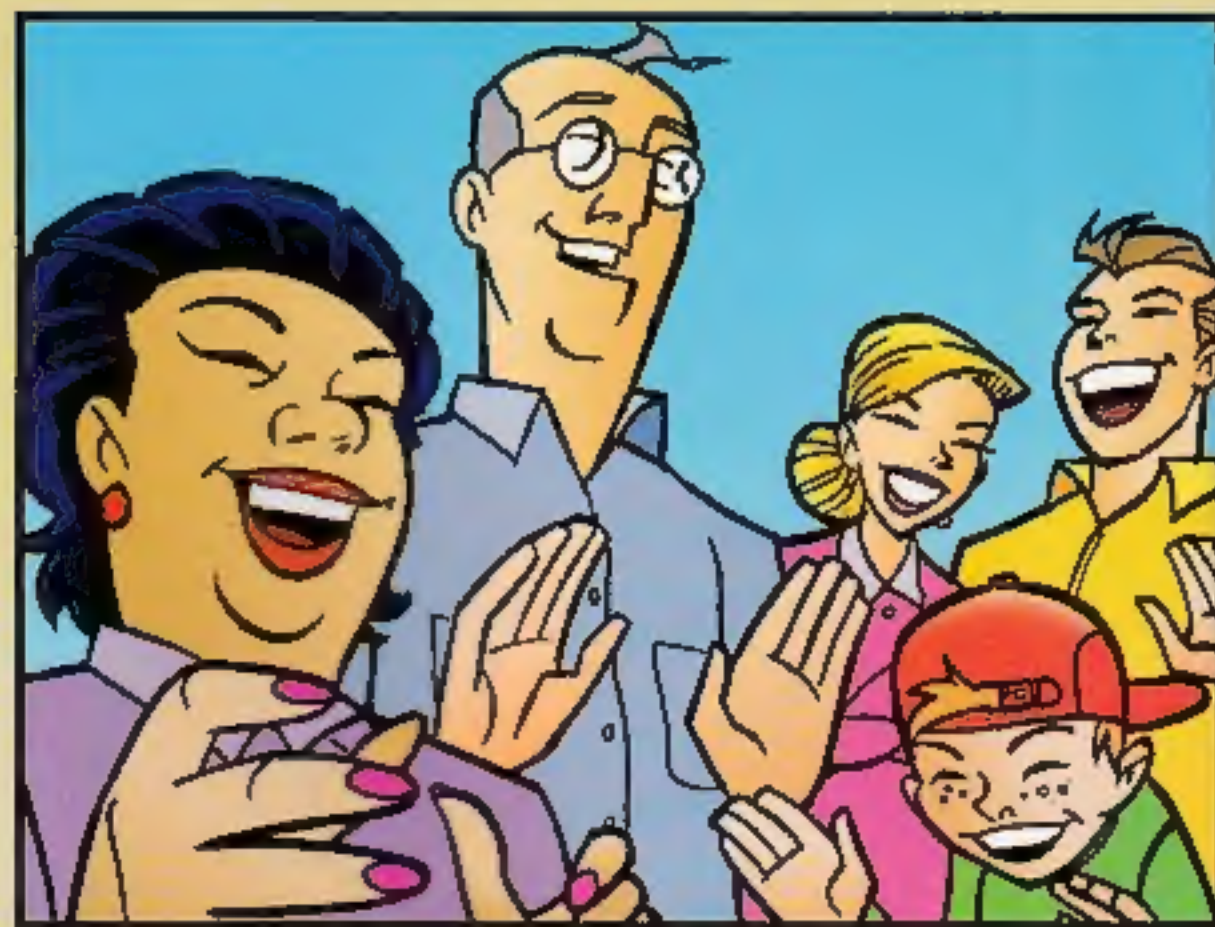
Robin wanted to watch the floats, but Batman was much more concerned about the Joker turning up.



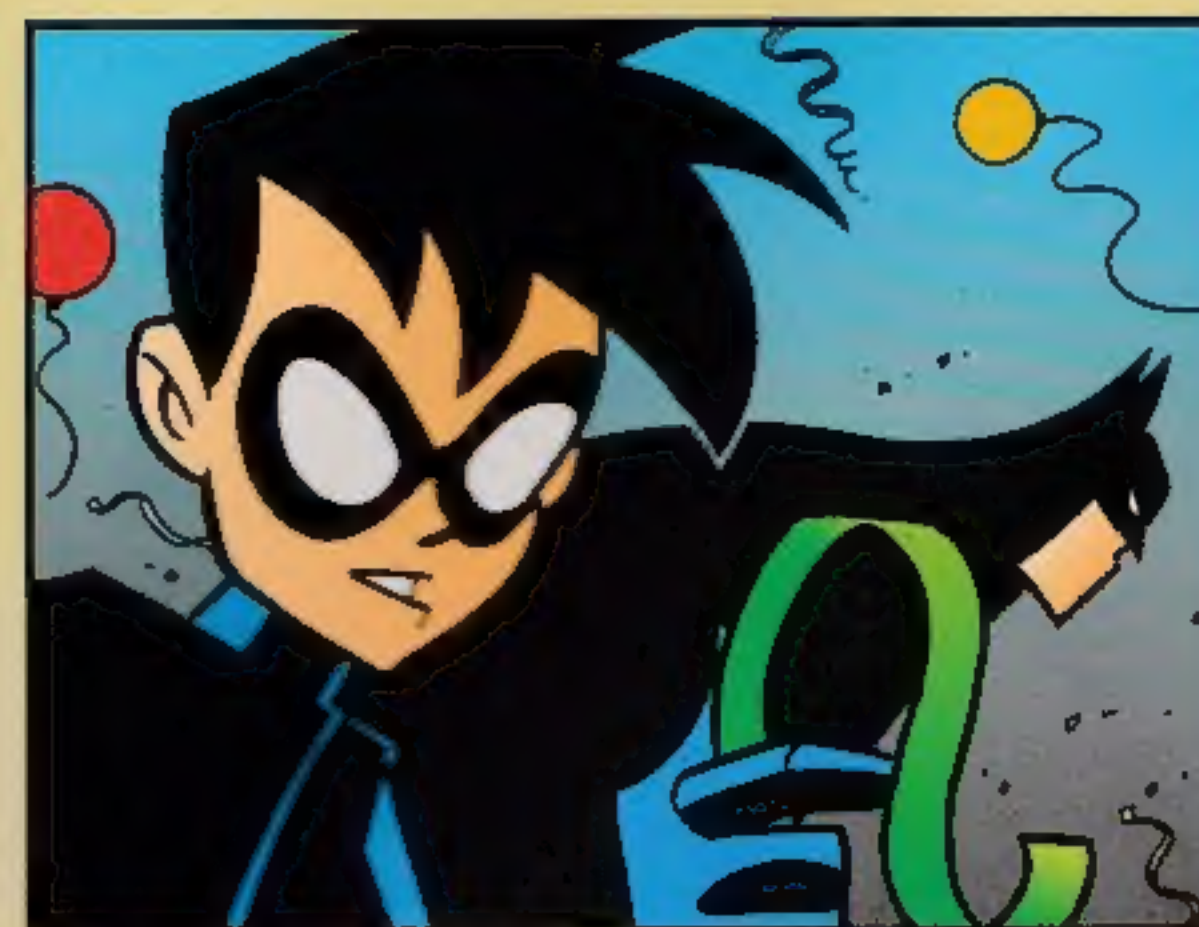
Batman knew the Joker could use the fun of the carnival to hatch a terrible plot.



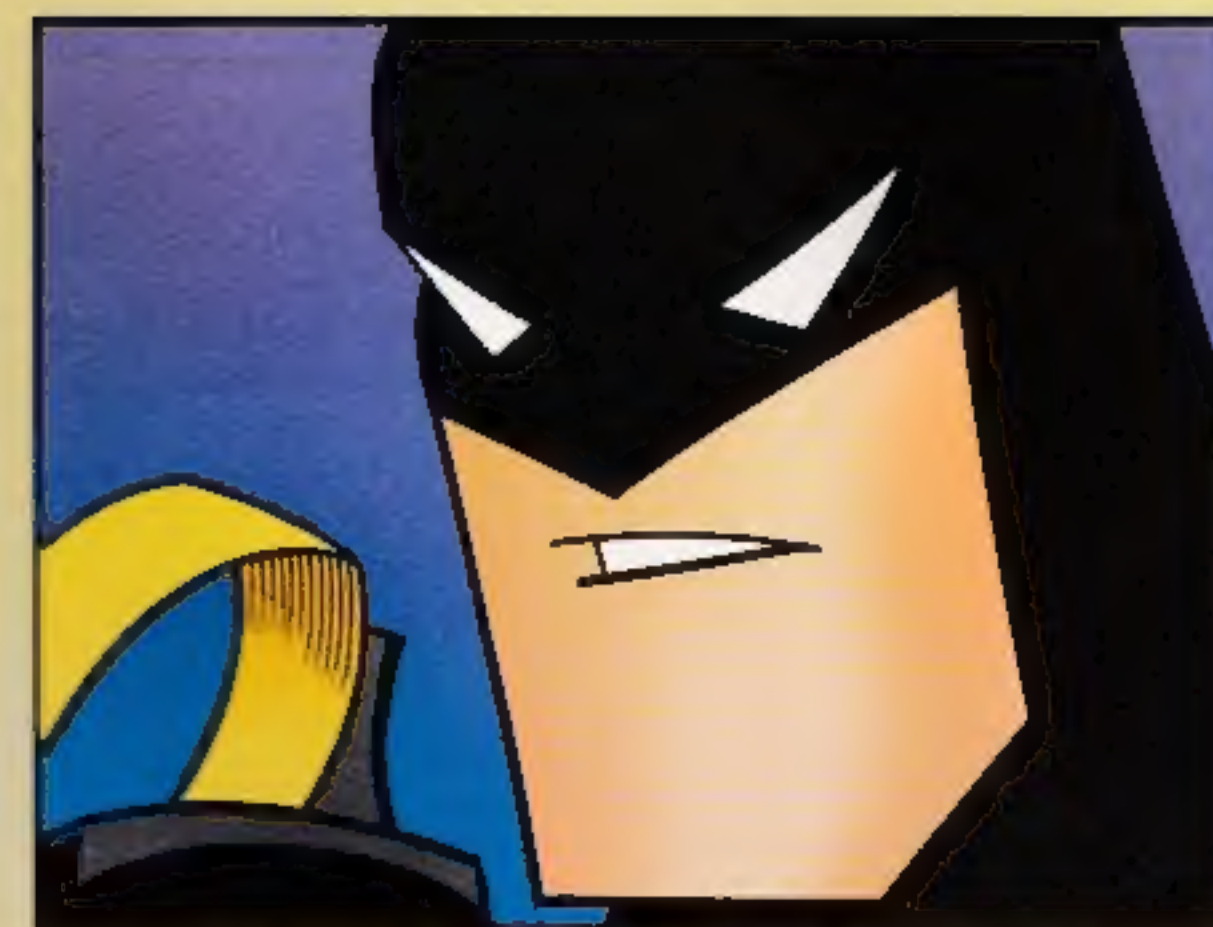
"Look over there, Robin!" said Batman. "It's the Joker! No doubt he's up to his old tricks again."



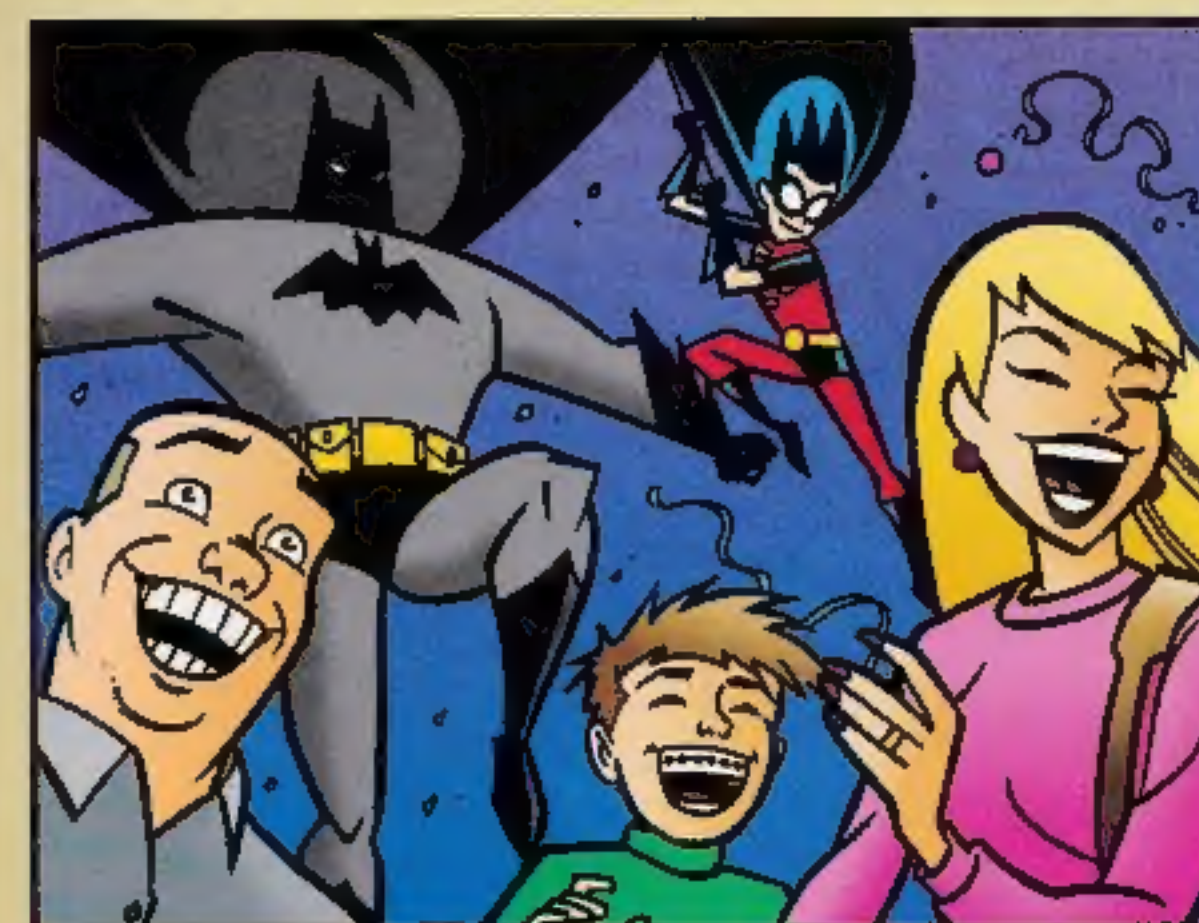
Just then, the crowd had begun laughing uncontrollably. Batman knew that the Joker had struck.



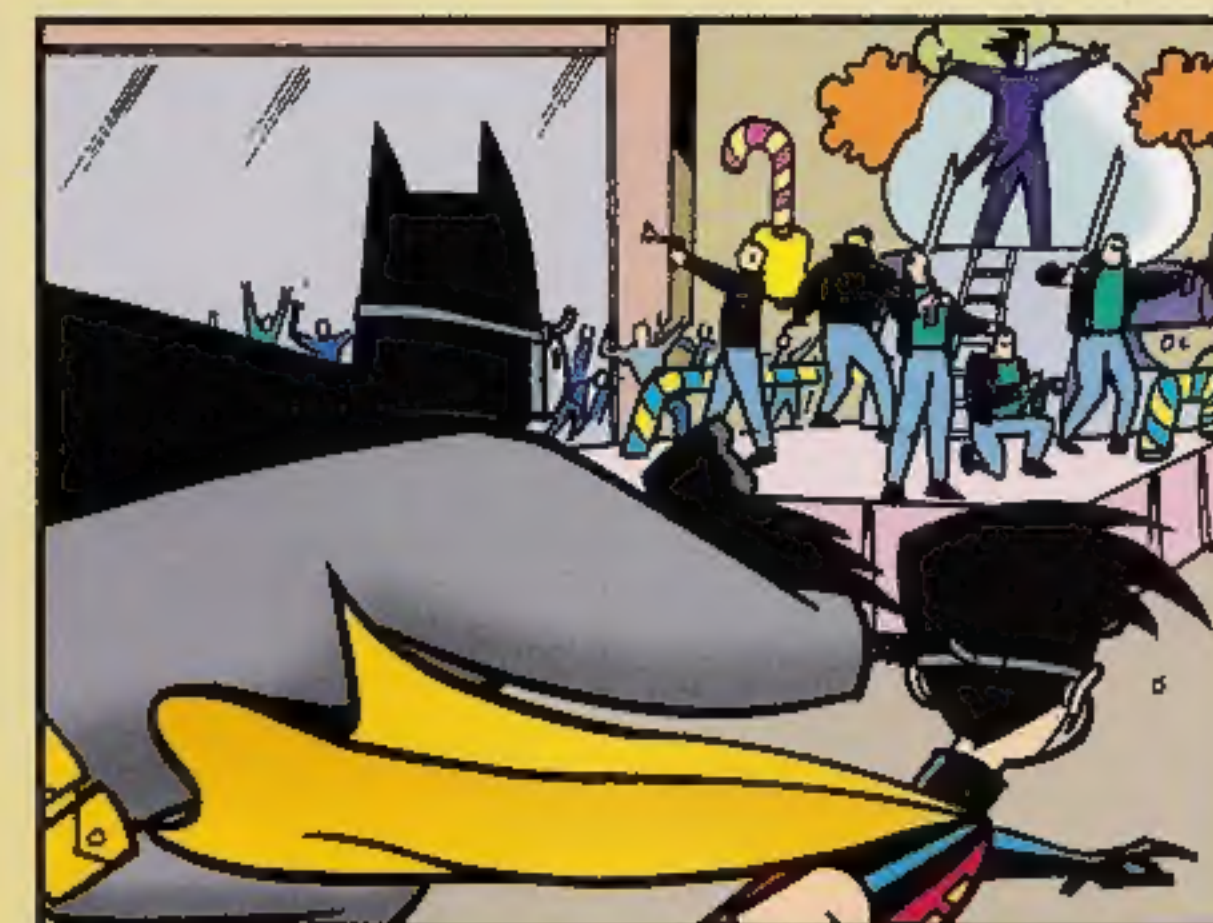
"There's something written on this streamer," said Robin. "And it's coming from the Joker's float."



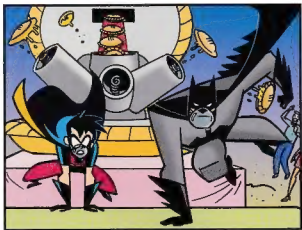
Every piece of ticker tape had a joke on it. But how could they be making everyone laugh so much?



Batman and Robin went after the Joker. Something was very wrong. Batman could smell laughing gas.



Batman realised that the crowd's laughter could soon turn to panic. Gotham City was in **great** danger.



The Joker had one more trick. If laughing gas didn't work on Batman and Robin, his custard pies would.



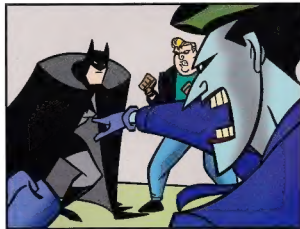
The laughing mixture in the special custard pie worked on contact, making Robin helpless with laughter.



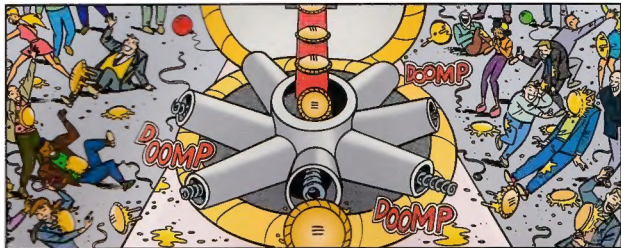
The Joker's men were no match for Batman. He fought his way through the goons, trying to reach the Joker so that he could stop the criminal's crazy plans.



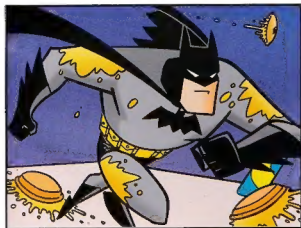
Batman lost his mask, but he was able to resist the laughing gas. He **had** to stop the Joker.



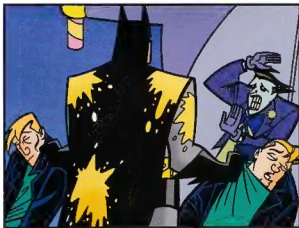
"Get him, men!" shouted the Joker, grinning wildly. "Flan the Batman! I want to see him laugh!"



If the laughing mixture in the custard pies hit Batman, he too would be made helpless with laughter and would be unable to stop the Joker.



But nothing could stop The Dark Knight when the people of Gotham City were in danger.



"I'm the funniest person alive!" said the Joker. "I only wanted to make people laugh."



"If you were really funny, then you wouldn't need to use laughing gas or custard pies," said Batman.



"And you couldn't make me laugh," said Batman. "Because I don't find crime very funny."

Superman's early days revealed!

Memories

Ma, Pa and Clark Kent finished the dishes in the kitchen of the little farmhouse in Smallville, and hung up the tea towels.

"Go and sit down and I'll bring in a nice cup of cocoa," said Ma. Clark and Pa went to sit down in the living room.

Clark Kent had gone home for a quiet weekend in Smallville. Things were peaceful in Metropolis and Clark liked nothing better than to go to the farm for some home cooking and good company.

"I've gathered up some more Superman clippings for the album," said Pa, going to a shelf full of photo albums and scrapbooks.

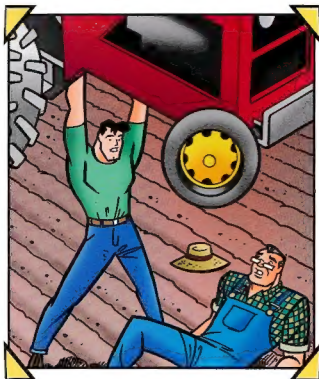
As he pulled one off the shelf, all the others came tumbling down. Clark got up to help Pa sort them out.

As Clark gathered the scrapbooks together, Pa picked up one tattered old album and opened it. "Look, son," he said, "your first photo album. All the pictures we took of you while you were growing up."

Clark hadn't seen the old photos for a long time so he and Pa sat down next to each other on the sofa to look through the album together.

This was a special photo album that Ma and Pa kept secret from everyone else.

"Look," said Pa, stopping at a picture. "Here's the one of you holding up that tractor that fell on top of me. You saved my life that

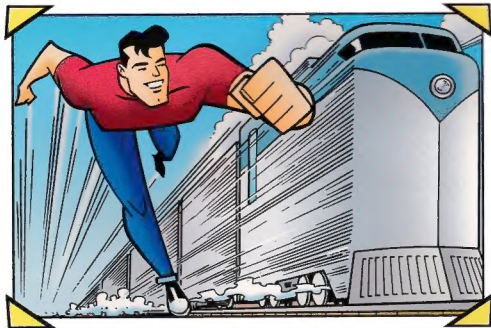


day." Clark hadn't known about all his super powers then. He had only tried to lift the tractor because his father was trapped underneath it. "Here's one of you racing with the express train," laughed Pa. "You were always getting up to something with your powers." Clark turned the pages of the album, finding pictures of the day Ma and Pa

"I remember the day you took me out to see it," said Clark. "That was the day I found out that my real parents, Jor-El and Lara, had sent me from the dying planet Krypton to the safety of Earth. They had named me Kal-El."

When Clark first realised that he was different from other people, Ma and Pa Kent showed him

everything they knew of where he had come from. In time he also found out that his strength came from the great yellow sun that keeps



had taken him to see the spacecraft that had brought him to earth. "Ma and I knew that one day you'd need to know where you came from," said Pa. "We found you in the little spacecraft when you were a tiny baby."

the Earth warm.

Ma came into the sitting room with the cocoa. "What are you two looking at?" she asked, taking the album from them. "Oh, Clark as a little boy. We have so many albums, so many memories."

Ma Kent talked about the time when Clark left home to go to college and about his job in Metropolis where he became Superman. "I sewed all your costumes," she said, turning to another picture. "Look, here's the first picture of you in your costume. And your first newspaper cutting when you started to help people as Superman."

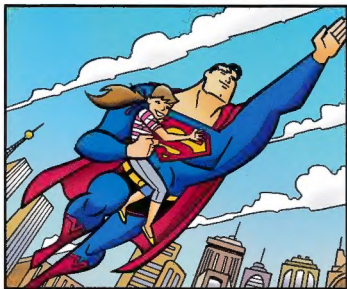
When Clark Kent went to Metropolis he decided that he should use his super powers to do good for the people of his adopted planet. That was how he became Superman.

"Who would have believed that when we saw that rocket ship crash all those years ago, the baby we rescued would turn out to be Superman?" said Pa.

"Without you two to protect me, keep my identity a secret

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and teach me right from wrong, there would never have been a Superman!" replied Clark.

"No need to thank us, son," said Pa.

"No," said Ma. "We're both very proud of you."

That night, the family went to bed tired and happy. Clark needed a good night's sleep because there would always be plenty of work for Superman in Metropolis.

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